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Office Action Summary

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MARIA**Examiner**

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 12-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the request for reconsideration filed March 16, 2010.
2. Claims 1-9 and 12-14 are currently pending. Claims 1-9 and 12-14 have been previously presented.
3. Applicant's arguments, with regards to claims 7-9 and 12-14, filed March 16, 2010 have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-6 are allowable.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowability:
6. Hardjono teaches sending a communication fragment with an MIC using a target group address. Chen teaches a router performing address-replacement for the direction of communications direction and the recipient performing address replacement for purposes of verification.
7. Claim 1 recites where the router is not part of the trusted group to which the sender and receiver belong. This limitation in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 1 is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Examiner Notes

8. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

9. Claims 7-9 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has specifically associated the elements of the claims corresponding structures in Figure 2 of the disclosure, but no structure or algorithm for these elements is actually provided in the specification.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments, with regards to claims 1-9 and 12-14, filed July 17, 2009 have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

11. Applicant argues that the "original claims clearly linked or associated the claim elements by number with the corresponding structures in the specification."

12. The Examiner respectfully disagrees, as the figures are part of the disclosure, not the specification. The only explanation (or even passing mention) of the listed elements within the specification is that provided by the original claims, which results in a circular and ultimately ambiguous definition.

13. Therefore, in view of the above reasons, Examiner maintains rejections.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Travis Pogmore whose telephone number is 571-270-7313. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. eastern time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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